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Hannah,

Please see the attached redlines (and corresponding clean copy).

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All,

Attached please find the Debtors' proposed Protective Order for the Chapter 11 Cases. Please let us know if the TCC has comments.

Best,  
Hannah



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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

**In re:**

**PG&E CORPORATION,**

**- and -**

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC  
COMPANY,**

**Debtors.**

- ☐ Affects PG&E Corporation  
☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
☒ Affects both Debtors

*\* All papers shall be filed in the Lead Case,  
No. 19-30088 (DM).*

Bankruptcy Case No. 19-30088 (DM)

Chapter 11

(Lead Case)

(Jointly Administered)

**[PROPOSED] CONFIDENTIALITY AND  
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

1 This Confidentiality and Protective Order (“**Order**”) shall govern the production, review,  
2 disclosure, and handling of any Discovery Material (as defined herein) by any person or entity (each a  
3 “**Party**” and, collectively, the “**Parties**”) in connection with the above-captioned chapter 11 cases  
4 pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California (the  
5 “**Bankruptcy Court**”), Ch. 11 Case Nos. 19-30088 (DM) and 19-30089 (DM) (collectively, the  
6 “**Chapter 11 Cases**”).

8 1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

9 This Order applies to all discovery in the Chapter 11 Cases and related proceedings, including  
10 informal discovery, discovery under Bankruptcy Rule 2004, and discovery in connection with judicial  
11 or other proceedings, such as contested matters, adversary proceedings and other disputes (each, a  
12 “**Case**,” and collectively, the “**Cases**”). The Parties have sought or may seek certain Discovery Material  
13 (as defined below) from one another with respect to the Chapter 11 Cases (collectively, “**Discovery**  
14 **Requests**”) as provided by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (the “**Federal Rules**”), the Bankruptcy  
15 Rules, and the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the Bankruptcy Court (the “**Local**  
16 **Rules**”). The purpose of this Order is to facilitate and expedite the production, exchange and treatment  
17 of Discovery Material (as defined below) and to protect Discovery Material that a Party seeks to maintain  
18 as confidential. However, the Parties acknowledge that this Order does not entitle them to file  
19 confidential information under seal without further order of the Court; United States District Court for  
20 the Northern District of California Civil Local Rule 79-5 (incorporated into the Local Rules by Rule 1001-  
21 2) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a Party  
22 seeks permission from the Court to file material under seal.

23 2. DEFINITIONS

24 2.1 Challenging Party: a Party that challenges the designation of information or items under  
25 this Order.

26 2.2 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel of Record or House Counsel (as well as  
27 their support staff).

1           2.3    Designating Party: a Party that designates information or items that it produces in  
2 response to Discovery Requests as “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”,  
3 “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” or “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL.”

4           2.4    Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the medium or manner in  
5 which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, and  
6 tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to Discovery Requests or  
7 provided to industry advisors, financial advisors, accounting advisors, experts and consultants (and their  
8 respective staff) that are retained by the Debtors’ creditors in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases,  
9 including deposition testimony, interrogatories, answers to interrogatories, requests for admission,  
10 responses to requests for admission, documents, information and things produced, including information  
11 provided to the Receiving Party orally, as well as any and all copies, abstracts, digests, notes, summaries,  
12 and excerpts thereof.

13           2.5    House Counsel: attorneys who are employees or contractors of a Party. House Counsel  
14 does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

15           2.6    Outside Counsel: attorneys who are not employees of a Party but are retained to represent  
16 or advise a Party regarding the Chapter 11 cases. With respect to the Debtors, and any Official  
17 Committee, Outside Counsel refers to counsel that has been retained by one of the above Parties and  
18 whose retention has been approved by the Court.

19           2.7    Producing Party: a Party that produces Discovery Material.

20           2.8    Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g.,  
21 photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or  
22 retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

23           2.9    Protected Material: any Discovery Material that is designated as “CONFIDENTIAL”,  
24 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” or “CONTRACTOR  
25 CONFIDENTIAL.”

26           2.10   Receiving Party: a Party that receives Discovery Material directly from the Producing  
27 Party.  
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1 3. SCOPE

2 This Order applies to all Discovery Material exchanged in or subject to discovery that is  
3 produced, formally or informally in response to or in connection with any Discovery Requests in the  
4 Cases. Discovery Material produced informally by the Debtors in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases  
5 or pursuant to Rule 2004 (unless otherwise agreed by the Debtors) may only be used in the Chapter 11  
6 Cases, including in connection with any contested motions in the Chapter 11 Cases, and may not be used  
7 in connection with any adversary proceeding or other litigation. This Order does not affect, amend or  
8 modify any existing confidentiality agreements, Committee Bylaws, non-disclosure agreements,  
9 intercreditor agreements, protective orders or similar agreements applicable to any Producing Party  
10 and/or Receiving Party, and nothing in this Order shall constitute a waiver of any rights under such  
11 agreements or orders. Where this Order is in conflict with any existing confidentiality agreements,  
12 intercreditor agreements, Committee Bylaws, non-disclosure agreements, protective orders or similar  
13 agreements applicable to any Producing Party and/or Receiving Party in connection with the Cases, the  
14 provision that provides the most confidentiality protection for Discovery Materials applies.

15 The protections conferred by this Order cover not only Protected Material, but also (1) any  
16 information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or  
17 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or  
18 their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material. However, the protections conferred by this Order do  
19 not cover the following information: (a) any information that is in the public domain at the time of  
20 disclosure to a Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after its disclosure to a Receiving  
21 Party as a result of publication not involving a violation of this Order, including becoming part of the  
22 public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information known to the Receiving Party prior to  
23 the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a source who obtained the  
24 information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating Party.

25 4. DURATION

26 Even after Debtors' emergence from Bankruptcy, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this  
27 Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a Court order  
28 otherwise directs. The Debtors' emergence from Bankruptcy shall not relieve the Parties from their

responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of Discovery Material pursuant to this Order, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Order.

5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

5.1 Manner and Timing of Designations. Subject to paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 and, except as otherwise provided in this Order, or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced. Any Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” or “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” in accordance with the following provisions:

5.2 “CONFIDENTIAL” Material. A Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as “CONFIDENTIAL” if such Producing Party believes in good faith (or with respect to documents received from another person, has been reasonably advised by such other person) that: (1) such Discovery Material (a) constitutes or contains nonpublic proprietary or confidential technical, business, financial, personal or other information of a nature that can be protected under the Bankruptcy Rules or the Federal Rules or (b) is subject by law or by contract to a legally protected right of privacy; or (2) the Producing Party (a) is under a preexisting obligation to a third-party to treat such Discovery Material as confidential or (b) has in good faith been requested by another Party or non-Party to so designate such Discovery Material on the grounds that such other Party or non-Party considers such Discovery Material to contain information that is confidential or proprietary to such Party or non-Party.

5.3 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” or “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” Material. A Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” and/or “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” if such Producing Party believes in good faith (or with respect to documents received from another person, has been reasonably advised by such other person) that such Discovery Material constitutes or includes “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” and/or “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” Material that is of such a nature that a risk of competitive injury or a material risk to the Debtors’ development of a plan of reorganization or emergence from Bankruptcy would be created if such Discovery Material were disclosed to persons other than those identified in Paragraph 7.3 of this Order, such as trade secrets, sensitive financial, personal or business information, including insurance



1 policy information, or material prepared by its industry advisors, financial advisors, accounting advisors,  
2 experts or consultants (and their respective staff) that are retained by any Party in connection with these  
3 Chapter 11 Cases, and only to the extent that the Producing Party believes in good faith that such material  
4 is of such a nature that Highly Confidential or Professional Eyes Only treatment is warranted.

5       5.4     “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” Material. A Producing Party may designate  
6 Discovery Material as “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” if disclosure of such Material to a PG&E  
7 contractor would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive  
8 means. “PG&E Contractors” means any non-party or entity retained to provide any goods and/or  
9 services to PG&E. This designation will also encompass the following: (1) any information copied or  
10 extracted from Contractor Confidential material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of  
11 Contractor Confidential material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or  
12 their Counsel that might reveal Contractor Confidential material.

13       5.5     Manner Of Designating Discovery Material. Designation in conformity with this Order  
14 requires:

15               (a)     for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but  
16 excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix  
17 the legend “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” or  
18 “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” to each page that contains protected material.

19               (b)     for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, such  
20 testimony may be designated as appropriate by: (a) Stating so orally on the record and requesting that  
21 the relevant portion(s) of testimony is so designated; or (b) Providing written notice within twenty-one  
22 (21) days of the Party’s receipt of the final transcript from the court reporter that the relevant portion(s)  
23 of such transcript or recording of a deposition thereof is so designated, except in the event that a hearing  
24 on related issues is scheduled to occur within twenty-one (21) days, in which case the foregoing twenty-  
25 one (21) day period will be reduced to seven (7) business days but in no event less than 3 business days  
26 before a hearing on related issues. Until expiration of the aforesaid designation period, as applicable,  
27 following receipt of the transcript by the Parties, all deposition transcripts and recordings shall be  
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1 considered and treated as Confidential Material unless otherwise designated by counsel to any Party on  
2 the record at the deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings.

3 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other  
4 tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or  
5 containers in which the information or item is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL", "HIGHLY  
6 CONFIDENTIAL", "PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY" or "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL."

7 5.6 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. The failure to designate particular Discovery Material  
8 as "CONFIDENTIAL", "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL", "PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY" or  
9 "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL" at the time of production shall not operate to waive a Producing  
10 Party's right to later designate such Discovery Material as Protected Material or later apply another  
11 designation pursuant to this Order ("Misdesignated Material"). At such time, arrangement will be made  
12 for the destruction of the Misdesignated Material or for the return to the Producing Party of all copies of  
13 the Misdesignated Material and for the substitution, where appropriate, of properly labeled copies of  
14 such Discovery Material. Upon receipt of replacement copies of such Misdesignated Material with the  
15 proper designation, the Receiving Party or Parties shall promptly take all commercially reasonable steps  
16 to return or destroy all previously produced copies of such Misdesignated Material. If requested by the  
17 Producing Party, a Receiving Party shall verify in writing that it has taken all commercially reasonable  
18 steps to return or destroy such Misdesignated Material. No Party shall be deemed to have violated this  
19 Order if, prior to notification of any later designation, such Discovery Material was disclosed or used in  
20 any manner consistent with its original designation but inconsistent with its later designation. Once such  
21 later designation has been made, however, any Discovery Material shall be treated in accordance with  
22 that later designation; provided, however, that if the material that was not designated has been, at the  
23 time of the later designation, previously publicly filed with a Court, no Party shall be bound by such  
24 later designation except to the extent determined by the Court upon motion of the Party that did not make  
25 the designation.

26 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

27 6.1 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution process by  
28 providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis for each challenge.

1 To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written notice must recite that the  
2 challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this specific paragraph of the Order.  
3 Within three (3) business days of the date of service of the notice challenging the designation, the  
4 Designating Party may elect to contact the Challenging Party to meet and confer. If the Designating  
5 Party timely elects to meet and confer, the Parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith.  
6 If the Designating Party does not timely elect to meet and confer, the Challenging Party may seek Judicial  
7 Intervention as detailed below.

8         6.2     Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court intervention,  
9 the Designating Party must, within ten (10) days of receipt of the writing challenging the designation,  
10 file a motion with the Court seeking to confirm the designation. The most must be set at the first available  
11 date on regular notice. No Confidential, Professional Eyes Only or Highly Confidential Material shall  
12 be filed in the public record prior to such a determination by the Bankruptcy Court. Any motion brought  
13 pursuant to this provision must be accompanied by a competent declaration setting forth the factual basis  
14 for the designation. The burden of proof in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating  
15 Party. Designations which are not made in good faith and/or frivolous challenges, and those made for  
16 an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other Parties) may  
17 expose the Designating / Challenging Party to sanctions. All Parties shall continue to afford the material  
18 in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation until  
19 the Court rules on the challenge.

20     7.        ACCESS TO AND USE OF DISCOVERY MATERIAL

21         7.1     Use of Discovery Material. A Receiving Party may use Discovery Material that is  
22 disclosed or produced by another Party solely for the purposes of these Chapter 11 Cases and not for any  
23 other purpose, including any other litigation or judicial proceedings, or any business, competitive,  
24 governmental, commercial, or administrative purpose or function. In the case of use by Official  
25 Committees or Committee Professionals, Protected Material may be used only in a manner consistent  
26 with the Committee's duties and responsibilities. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the  
27 categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the Debtors emerge from  
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1 Bankruptcy, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 14 below (FINAL  
2 DISPOSITION).

3 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a  
4 secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

5 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by  
6 the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any  
7 information or item designated “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

8 (a) the officers, directors, employees, and Counsel of the Receiving Party to whom  
9 disclosure is reasonably necessary for purposes of the Chapter 11 Cases or a Case;

10 (b) where the Receiving Party is an Official Committee, its members, Outside  
11 Counsel and its advisors that are retained by the Official Committee or its Outside Counsel and where  
12 necessary approved by the Court, to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for purposes of the Chapter  
13 11 Cases or a Case;

14 (c) the Debtors;

15 (d) any Official Committee, including its members, and the Official Committee’s  
16 Outside Counsel to whom the Producing Party has given consent;

17 (e) the U.S. Trustee;

18 (f) any other persons specified in Paragraph 7.3 below.

19 7.3 Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” or “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY”  
20 Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating  
21 Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”  
22 or “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” only to:

23 (a) Outside Counsel of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably  
24 necessary for purposes of the Chapter 11 Cases or a Case;

25 (b) financial advisors, accounting advisors, experts and consultants (and their  
26 respective staff) that are retained by the Receiving Party (and in the case of the Debtors or any Official  
27 Committee, approved by the Court) in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases who have signed the  
28 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

1 (c) financial advisors, accounting advisors, experts and consultants (and their  
2 respective staff) that are retained by any Party (and in the case of the Debtors or any Official Committee,  
3 approved by the Court) in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, to whom the Producing Party may  
4 consent in writing and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit  
5 A).

6 (d) Outside Counsel for the U.S. Trustee;

7 (e) the Bankruptcy Court or any Court to which an appeal of a Case is taken, and their  
8 personnel;

9 (f) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors,  
10 and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for purposes of the Chapter 11  
11 Cases or a Case and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

12 (g) for purposes of witness preparation, any deponent or witness who was noticed for  
13 a deposition, or is on a witness list for hearing or trial, in preparation for his or her noticed deposition,  
14 hearing, or trial testimony where such Protected Material is determined by counsel in good faith to be  
15 necessary to the anticipated subject matter of testimony, and that doing so would not cause competitive  
16 harm, provided, however, that such persons (1) sign the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound"  
17 (Exhibit A), (2) are only provided such Protected Material in connection with preparation for the  
18 anticipated testimony, and (3) shall not be permitted to retain copies of such Protected Material.

19 (h) Deponents and witnesses where counsel has a good faith basis for believing that  
20 the witness would have had knowledge of the contents of the Protected Material in the course of fulfilling  
21 his or her responsibilities or has information that directly bears upon the Protected Material.

22 (i) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or  
23 other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

24 (j) any other person or entity with respect to whom the Producing Party may consent  
25 in writing and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A).

26 7.4 Disclosure of "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless  
27 otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may  
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disclose any information or item designated “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” only to those parties listed in sections 7.2 – 7.3, but may not disclose such information to PG&E contractors or their advisors.

7.5 Filing or Submitting Protected Material To Court. Without written permission from the Designating Party or a court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in the public record related to a Case or the Chapter 11 Cases any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file any Protected Material with the Court must file under seal in accordance with the Federal Rules, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and the individual practice rules of the Judge. Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue.

8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER PROCEEDINGS

If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other proceedings that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in a Case or these Chapter 11 Cases as “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY”, or “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” that Party must:

(a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

(b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Order; and

(c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any Protected Material before a determination by the Court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that Court of its confidential material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another Court.

1     9.     UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

2             If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material  
3 to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Order, the Receiving Party must  
4 immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best  
5 efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to  
6 whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or  
7 persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit

8     A. Disclosure of Protected Material other than in accordance with the terms of this Order may subject  
9 the disclosing person to such sanctions and remedies as the Court may deem appropriate.

10    10.    INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED DISCOVERY MATERIAL

11            This Order is entered pursuant to Rule 502(d) of the Federal Rules of Evidence. If a Producing  
12 Party produces materials that the Producing Party later discovers to be privileged or subject to other  
13 protection, such as work-product protection, the production of that material shall not be deemed to  
14 constitute the waiver of any applicable privileges or protections. In such circumstances, shortly after  
15 the Producing Party becomes aware that privileged material was produced, it must notify the Receiving  
16 Party and request, at the Producing Party’s election, either the return or the destruction of the produced  
17 material. Immediately after receiving such notification, the Receiving Party shall, as instructed, return  
18 or destroy and confirm destruction of all such produced material, including all copies, notes, and/or  
19 summaries thereof in any Receiving Party work product. The Receiving Party shall not use the contents  
20 of such material for any purpose, including in connection with any effort seeking to compel production  
21 of the produced material. The Receiving Party must take reasonable steps to retrieve the produced  
22 material if the Receiving Party disclosed it before being notified. Such return or destruction and  
23 confirmation of destruction shall not preclude the Receiving Party from seeking to compel production  
24 of the produced material for reasons other than its production or any information about the contents of  
25 the material that was gained due to its production. Moreover, this Order shall not prevent any Party from  
26 challenging the designation of such material as privileged or protected and moving to compel production  
27 of allegedly privileged or protected documents. If the Receiving Party becomes aware during the review  
28 of any material that is likely to be privileged or subject to other protection, the Receiving Party shall



1 immediately notify the Producing Party and sequester the material until the Producing Party has had a  
2 reasonable opportunity to respond.

3 11. DEPOSITIONS

4 11.1 Presence Of Persons During Deposition Testimony. Anyone who attends a deposition is  
5 subject to the provisions of this Order with respect to such deposition. When Protected Material is  
6 elicited during a deposition, persons not entitled to receive such information under the terms of this Order  
7 shall, upon request, be excluded from the portion of the deposition so designated.

8 11.2 Responsibilities And Obligations Of Court Reporters. In the event that testimony is  
9 designated as Confidential, Highly Confidential or Professional Eyes Only Material, the court reporter,  
10 who shall first have agreed to abide by the terms of this paragraph, shall be instructed to include on the  
11 cover page of each such transcript the legend, "This transcript portion contains information subject to a  
12 Protective Order and shall be used only in accordance therewith," and each page of the transcript shall  
13 include the legend "CONFIDENTIAL," "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL", "PROFESSIONAL EYES  
14 ONLY" or "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL" as appropriate. If the deposition is recorded, the  
15 recording shall also be subject to the same level of confidentiality as the transcript and include the legend  
16 "CONFIDENTIAL", "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL", "PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY," or  
17 "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL" as appropriate, if any portion of the transcript itself is so  
18 designated.

19 12. PRODUCTION OF CUSTOMER SMART METER DATA

20 12.1 Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission Decision No. 11-07-056 and related  
21 decisions, utility customer smart meter usage data may only be disclosed after providing affected  
22 customers with seven days notice and an opportunity to object to such disclosure as required by the  
23 Decision. Pursuant to Debtor Pacific Gas and Electric Company's tariff Electric and Gas Rules 9.M and  
24 27, confidential customer information is subject to similar prior notice requirements as applicable to such  
25 customer information. To the extent Debtors produce customer smart meter usage data subject to these  
26 rules and tariffs, Debtors shall provide affected customers with appropriate notice prior to production  
27 and appropriate notification to the affected customers as required by the rules and tariffs. Producing  
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1 Party and Receiving Party shall comply with all federal and state privacy laws as applicable to customer  
2 data under this Order.

3 13. MISCELLANEOUS

4 13.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its  
5 modification by the Court in the future, including as this Order applies to any particular contested matter  
6 or adversary proceeding.

7 13.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. Nothing in this Order waives any right by a Party that  
8 it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not  
9 addressed in this Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence  
10 of any of the material covered by this Order.

11 13.3 Continuing Applicability Of Order. The provisions of this Order shall survive the  
12 Debtors' emergence from Bankruptcy for any retained Discovery Material. The Debtors' emergence  
13 from Bankruptcy shall not relieve the Parties from their responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of  
14 Discovery Material pursuant to this Order, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of  
15 this Order.

16 13.4 Amendment Of Order. This Order is subject to modification by this Court upon good  
17 cause shown by any Party. Nothing herein shall preclude a Party from applying at any time (including,  
18 without limitation, after the conclusion of these Chapter 11 proceedings) to the Court for relief from  
19 (including, without limitation termination of) any or all of the provisions of this Order. The Debtors and  
20 the Party seeking to modify or terminate the Order shall meet and confer in good faith to reach an  
21 agreement on any issues in dispute concerning the meaning, application, or interpretation of this Order  
22 prior to any application to the Court for resolution of such dispute. A Producing Party and a Receiving  
23 Party may agree to modify this Order as it applies to a particular production or a particular proceeding  
24 in the Cases with (7) business days prior notice to the Debtors.

25 13.5 Use Of Discovery Material By Producing Party. Nothing in this Order affects the right  
26 of any Producing Party to use or disclose its own Discovery Material in any way. Such disclosure will  
27 not waive the protections of this Order and will not otherwise entitle other Parties or their attorneys to  
28 use or disclose such Discovery Material in violation of this Order.

1           13.6 Obligations Of Parties. Nothing herein shall relieve a Party of its obligations under the  
2 Federal Rules, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules, or under any future stipulations and orders, regarding the  
3 production of documents or the making of timely responses to Discovery Requests in connection with  
4 any Dispute or the Chapter 11 Cases.

5           13.7 Enforcement. The provisions of this Order constitute an Order of this Court and  
6 violations of the provisions of this Order are subject to enforcement and the imposition of legal sanctions  
7 in the same manner as any other Order of the Court.

8       14. FINAL DISPOSITION

9           Within 60 days after the conclusion the Debtors' emergence from Bankruptcy, unless otherwise  
10 ordered by the Court, each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or  
11 destroy such material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts,  
12 compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material.  
13 Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written  
14 certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by  
15 the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that  
16 was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts,  
17 compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material.  
18 Notwithstanding this provision, Outside Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings,  
19 motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition  
20 and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even  
21 if such materials contain Protected Material. A Receiving Party's obligations under this paragraph shall  
22 not require the destruction or return of Confidential, Highly Confidential or Professional Eyes Only  
23 Material by Outside Counsel that is stored on backup storage or in archiving solutions made in  
24 accordance with regular data backup procedures for disaster recovery or litigation hold, provided that  
25 Outside Counsel maintains the confidentiality thereof in accordance with this Order. If a Receiving Party  
26 chooses to take all commercially reasonable steps to destroy, rather than return, documents in accordance  
27 with this paragraph, that Receiving Party shall, if requested by the Producing Party, verify such  
28 destruction in writing to counsel for the Producing Party. Notwithstanding anything in this paragraph, to

1 the extent that the information in the Discovery Material remains confidential, the terms of this Order  
2 shall remain binding.

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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6 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Dennis Montali

1 EXHIBIT A

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

3 I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_ [print  
4 or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the  
5 Confidentiality and Protective Order that was issued by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the  
6 Northern District of California on [date] in *In re PG&E Corp.*, et al., CASE NO. 3:19-bk-30088 (the  
7 “Order”). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of the Order and I understand and  
8 acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of  
9 contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is  
10 subject to the Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of the Order.

11 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern  
12 District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Confidentiality and Protective Order,  
13 even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

14 I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address and telephone number] as  
16 my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to  
17 enforcement of the Order.

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19 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

20 City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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22 Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

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24 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

**In re:**

**PG&E CORPORATION,**

**- and -**

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC  
 COMPANY,**

**Debtors.**

- ☐ Affects PG&E Corporation  
☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
☒ Affects both Debtors

*\* All papers shall be filed in the Lead Case,  
 No. 19-30088 (DM).*

Bankruptcy Case No. 19-30088 (DM)

Chapter 11

(Lead Case)

(Jointly Administered)

**[PROPOSED] CONFIDENTIALITY AND  
 PROTECTIVE ORDER**

1 This Confidentiality and Protective Order (“**Order**”) shall govern the production, review,  
2 disclosure, and handling of any Discovery Material (as defined herein) by any person or entity (each a  
3 “**Party**” and, collectively, the “**Parties**”) in connection with the above-captioned chapter 11 cases  
4 pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California (the  
5 “**Bankruptcy Court**”), Ch. 11 Case Nos. 19-30088 (DM) and 19-30089 (DM) (collectively, the  
6 “**Chapter 11 Cases**”).

8 1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

9 This Order applies to all discovery in the Chapter 11 Cases and related proceedings, including  
10 informal discovery, discovery under Bankruptcy Rule 2004, and discovery in connection with judicial  
11 or other proceedings, such as contested matters, adversary proceedings and other disputes (each, a  
12 “**Case**,” and collectively, the “**Cases**”). The Parties have sought or may seek certain Discovery Material  
13 (as defined below) from one another with respect to the Chapter 11 Cases (collectively, “**Discovery**  
14 **Requests**”) as provided by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (the “**Federal Rules**”), the Bankruptcy  
15 Rules, and the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the Bankruptcy Court (the “**Local**  
16 **Rules**”). The purpose of this Order is to facilitate and expedite the production, exchange and treatment  
17 of Discovery Material (as defined below) and to protect Discovery Material that a Party seeks to maintain  
18 as confidential. However, the Parties acknowledge that this Order does not entitle them to file  
19 confidential information under seal without further order of the Court; United States District Court for  
20 the Northern District of California Civil Local Rule 79-5 (incorporated into the Local Rules by Rule 1001-  
21 2) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a Party  
22 seeks permission from the Court to file material under seal.

23 2. DEFINITIONS

24 2.1 Challenging Party: a Party that challenges the designation of information or items under  
25 this Order.

26 2.2 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel of Record or House Counsel (as well as  
27 their support staff).

1           2.3    Designating Party: a Party that designates information or items that it produces in  
2 response to Discovery Requests as “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”,  
3 “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” or “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL.”

4           2.4    Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the medium or manner in  
5 which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, and  
6 tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to Discovery Requests or  
7 provided to industry advisors, financial advisors, accounting advisors, experts and consultants (and their  
8 respective staff) that are retained by the Debtors’ creditors in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases,  
9 including deposition testimony, interrogatories, answers to interrogatories, requests for admission,  
10 responses to requests for admission, documents, information and things produced, including information  
11 provided to the Receiving Party orally, as well as any and all copies, abstracts, digests, notes, summaries,  
12 and excerpts thereof.

13           2.5    House Counsel: attorneys who are employees or contractors of a Party. House Counsel  
14 does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

15           2.6    Outside Counsel: attorneys who are not employees of a Party but are retained to represent  
16 or advise a Party regarding the Chapter 11 cases. With respect to the Debtors, and any Official  
17 Committee, Outside Counsel refers to counsel that has been retained by one of the above Parties and  
18 whose retention has been approved by the Court.

19           2.7    Producing Party: a Party that produces Discovery Material.

20           2.8    Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g.,  
21 photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or  
22 retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

23           2.9    Protected Material: any Discovery Material that is designated as “CONFIDENTIAL”,  
24 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” or “CONTRACTOR  
25 CONFIDENTIAL.”

26           2.10   Receiving Party: a Party that receives Discovery Material directly from the Producing  
27 Party.  
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1 3. SCOPE

2 This Order applies to all Discovery Material exchanged in or subject to discovery that is  
3 produced, formally or informally in response to or in connection with any Discovery Requests in the  
4 Cases. Discovery Material produced informally by the Debtors in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases  
5 or pursuant to Rule 2004 (unless otherwise agreed by the Debtors) may only be used in the Chapter 11  
6 Cases, including in connection with any contested motions in the Chapter 11 Cases, and may not be used  
7 in connection with any adversary proceeding or other litigation. This Order does not affect, amend or  
8 modify any existing confidentiality agreements, Committee Bylaws, non-disclosure agreements,  
9 intercreditor agreements, protective orders or similar agreements applicable to any Producing Party  
10 and/or Receiving Party, and nothing in this Order shall constitute a waiver of any rights under such  
11 agreements or orders. Where this Order is in conflict with any existing confidentiality agreements,  
12 intercreditor agreements, Committee Bylaws, non-disclosure agreements, protective orders or similar  
13 agreements applicable to any Producing Party and/or Receiving Party in connection with the Cases, the  
14 provision that provides the most confidentiality protection for Discovery Materials applies.

15 The protections conferred by this Order cover not only Protected Material, but also (1) any  
16 information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or  
17 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or  
18 their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material. However, the protections conferred by this Order do  
19 not cover the following information: (a) any information that is in the public domain at the time of  
20 disclosure to a Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after its disclosure to a Receiving  
21 Party as a result of publication not involving a violation of this Order, including becoming part of the  
22 public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information known to the Receiving Party prior to  
23 the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a source who obtained the  
24 information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating Party.

25 4. DURATION

26 Even after Debtors' emergence from Bankruptcy, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this  
27 Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a Court order  
28 otherwise directs. The Debtors' emergence from Bankruptcy shall not relieve the Parties from their



responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of Discovery Material pursuant to this Order, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Order.

5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

5.1 Manner and Timing of Designations. Subject to paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 and, except as otherwise provided in this Order, or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced. Any Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” or “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” in accordance with the following provisions:

5.2 “CONFIDENTIAL” Material. A Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as “CONFIDENTIAL” if such Producing Party believes in good faith (or with respect to documents received from another person, has been reasonably advised by such other person) that: (1) such Discovery Material (a) constitutes or contains nonpublic proprietary or confidential technical, business, financial, personal or other information of a nature that can be protected under the Bankruptcy Rules or the Federal Rules or (b) is subject by law or by contract to a legally protected right of privacy; or (2) the Producing Party (a) is under a preexisting obligation to a third-party to treat such Discovery Material as confidential or (b) has in good faith been requested by another Party or non-Party to so designate such Discovery Material on the grounds that such other Party or non-Party considers such Discovery Material to contain information that is confidential or proprietary to such Party or non-Party.

5.3 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” or “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” Material. A Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” and/or “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” if such Producing Party believes in good faith (or with respect to documents received from another person, has been reasonably advised by such other person) that such Discovery Material constitutes or includes “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” and/or “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” Material that is of such a nature that a risk of competitive injury or a material risk to the Debtors’ development of a plan of reorganization or emergence from Bankruptcy would be created if such Discovery Material were disclosed to persons other than those identified in Paragraph 7.3 of this Order, such as trade secrets, sensitive financial, personal or business information, including insurance

1 policy information, or material prepared by its industry advisors, financial advisors, accounting advisors,  
2 experts or consultants (and their respective staff) that are retained by any Party in connection with these  
3 Chapter 11 Cases, and only to the extent that the Producing Party believes in good faith that such material  
4 is of such a nature that Highly Confidential or Professional Eyes Only treatment is warranted.

5       5.4     “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” Material. A Producing Party may designate  
6 Discovery Material as “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” if disclosure of such Material to a PG&E  
7 contractor would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive  
8 means. “PG&E Contractors” means any non-party or entity retained to provide any goods and/or  
9 services to PG&E. This designation will also encompass the following: (1) any information copied or  
10 extracted from Contractor Confidential material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of  
11 Contractor Confidential material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or  
12 their Counsel that might reveal Contractor Confidential material.

13       5.5     Manner Of Designating Discovery Material. Designation in conformity with this Order  
14 requires:

15               (a)     for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but  
16 excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix  
17 the legend “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” or  
18 “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” to each page that contains protected material.

19               (b)     for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, such  
20 testimony may be designated as appropriate by: (a) Stating so orally on the record and requesting that  
21 the relevant portion(s) of testimony is so designated; or (b) Providing written notice within twenty-one  
22 (21) days of the Party’s receipt of the final transcript from the court reporter that the relevant portion(s)  
23 of such transcript or recording of a deposition thereof is so designated, except in the event that a hearing  
24 on related issues is scheduled to occur within twenty-one (21) days, in which case the foregoing twenty-  
25 one (21) day period will be reduced to seven (7) business days but in no event less than 3 business days  
26 before a hearing on related issues. Until expiration of the aforesaid designation period, as applicable,  
27 following receipt of the transcript by the Parties, all deposition transcripts and recordings shall be  
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1 considered and treated as Confidential Material unless otherwise designated by counsel to any Party on  
2 the record at the deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings.

3 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other  
4 tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or  
5 containers in which the information or item is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL", "HIGHLY  
6 CONFIDENTIAL", "PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY" or "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL."

7 5.6 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. The failure to designate particular Discovery Material  
8 as "CONFIDENTIAL", "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL", "PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY" or  
9 "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL" at the time of production shall not operate to waive a Producing  
10 Party's right to later designate such Discovery Material as Protected Material or later apply another  
11 designation pursuant to this Order ("Misdesignated Material"). At such time, arrangement will be made  
12 for the destruction of the Misdesignated Material or for the return to the Producing Party of all copies of  
13 the Misdesignated Material and for the substitution, where appropriate, of properly labeled copies of  
14 such Discovery Material. Upon receipt of replacement copies of such Misdesignated Material with the  
15 proper designation, the Receiving Party or Parties shall promptly take all commercially reasonable steps  
16 to return or destroy all previously produced copies of such Misdesignated Material. If requested by the  
17 Producing Party, a Receiving Party shall verify in writing that it has taken all commercially reasonable  
18 steps to return or destroy such Misdesignated Material. No Party shall be deemed to have violated this  
19 Order if, prior to notification of any later designation, such Discovery Material was disclosed or used in  
20 any manner consistent with its original designation but inconsistent with its later designation. Once such  
21 later designation has been made, however, any Discovery Material shall be treated in accordance with  
22 that later designation; provided, however, that if the material that was not designated has been, at the  
23 time of the later designation, previously publicly filed with a Court, no Party shall be bound by such  
24 later designation except to the extent determined by the Court upon motion of the Party that did not make  
25 the designation.

26 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

27 6.1 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution process by  
28 providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis for each challenge.

1 To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written notice must recite that the  
2 challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this specific paragraph of the Order.  
3 Within three (3) business days of the date of service of the notice challenging the designation, the  
4 Designating Party may elect to contact the Challenging Party to meet and confer. If the Designating  
5 Party timely elects to meet and confer, the Parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith.  
6 If the Designating Party does not timely elect to meet and confer, the Challenging Party may seek Judicial  
7 Intervention as detailed below. ~~The Parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith and~~  
8 ~~must begin the process by conferring directly (in voice to voice dialogue; other forms of communication~~  
9 ~~are not sufficient) within 14 days of the date of service of notice. In conferring, the Challenging Party~~  
10 ~~must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and must give the~~  
11 ~~Designating Party an opportunity to review the Protected Material, to reconsider the circumstances, and,~~  
12 ~~if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis for the chosen designation. A Challenging~~  
13 ~~Party may proceed to the next stage of the challenge process only if it has engaged in this meet and~~  
14 ~~confer process first or establishes that the Designating Party is unwilling to participate in the meet and~~  
15 ~~confer process in a timely manner.~~

16 6.2 Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court intervention,  
17 the Designating Party must, within ten (10) days of receipt of the writing challenging the designation,  
18 file a motion with the Court seeking to confirm the designation. ~~Challenging Party may seek a ruling~~  
19 ~~from the Bankruptcy Court that such information should not be treated as Confidential, Professional~~  
20 ~~Eyes Only or Highly Confidential Material. The most must be set at the first available date on regular~~  
21 notice. No Confidential, Professional Eyes Only or Highly Confidential Material shall be filed in the  
22 public record prior to such a determination by the Bankruptcy Court. Any motion brought pursuant to  
23 this provision must be accompanied by a competent declaration setting forth the factual basis for the  
24 designation. ~~affirming that the movant has complied with the meet and confer requirements imposed by~~  
25 ~~the preceding paragraph.~~ The burden of persuasion-proof in any such challenge proceeding shall be on  
26 the Challenging-Designating Party. Designations which are not made in good faith and/or fFrivolous  
27 challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and  
28 burdens on other Parties) may expose the Designating / Challenging Party to sanctions. All Parties shall

1 continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the  
2 Producing Party's designation until the Court rules on the challenge.

3 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF DISCOVERY MATERIAL

4 7.1 Use of Discovery Material. A Receiving Party may use Discovery Material that is  
5 disclosed or produced by another Party solely for the purposes of these Chapter 11 Cases and not for any  
6 other purpose, including any other litigation or judicial proceedings, or any business, competitive,  
7 governmental, commercial, or administrative purpose or function. In the case of use by Official  
8 Committees or Committee Professionals, Protected Material may be used only in a manner consistent  
9 with the Committee's duties and responsibilities. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the  
10 categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the Debtors emerge from  
11 Bankruptcy, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 14 below (FINAL  
12 DISPOSITION).

13 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a  
14 secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

15 7.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by  
16 the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any  
17 information or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL" only to:

18 (a) the officers, directors, employees, and Counsel of the Receiving Party to whom  
19 disclosure is reasonably necessary for purposes of the Chapter 11 Cases or a Case;

20 (b) where the Receiving Party is an Official Committee, its members, Outside  
21 Counsel and its advisors that are retained by the Official Committee or its Outside Counsel and where  
22 necessary approved by the Court, to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for purposes of the Chapter  
23 11 Cases or a Case;

24 (c) the Debtors;

25 (d) any Official Committee, including its members, and the Official Committee's  
26 Outside Counsel to whom the Producing Party has given consent;

27 (e) the U.S. Trustee;

28 (f) any other persons specified in Paragraph 7.3 below.

1           7.3     Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” or “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY”  
2     Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating  
3     Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”  
4     or “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” only to:

5                 (a)     Outside Counsel of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably  
6     necessary for purposes of the Chapter 11 Cases or a Case;

7                 (b)     financial advisors, accounting advisors, experts and consultants (and their  
8     respective staff) that are retained by the Receiving Party (and in the case of the Debtors or any Official  
9     Committee, approved by the Court) in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases who have signed the  
10    “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

11                (c)     financial advisors, accounting advisors, experts and consultants (and their  
12    respective staff) that are retained by any Party (and in the case of the Debtors or any Official Committee,  
13    approved by the Court) in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, to whom the Producing Party may  
14    consent in writing and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit  
15    A).

16                (d)     Outside Counsel for the U.S. Trustee;

17                (e)     the Bankruptcy Court or any Court to which an appeal of a Case is taken, and their  
18    personnel;

19                (f)     court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors,  
20    and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for purposes of the Chapter 11  
21    Cases or a Case and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

22                (g)     for purposes of witness preparation, any deponent or witness who was noticed for  
23    a deposition, or is on a witness list for hearing or trial, in preparation for his or her noticed deposition,  
24    hearing, or trial testimony where such Protected Material is determined by counsel in good faith to be  
25    necessary to the anticipated subject matter of testimony, and that doing so would not cause competitive  
26    harm, provided, however, that such persons (1) sign the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound”  
27    (Exhibit A), (2) are only provided such Protected Material in connection with preparation for the  
28    anticipated testimony, and (3) shall not be permitted to retain copies of such Protected Material.

1 (h) Deponents and witnesses where counsel has a good faith basis for believing that  
2 the witness would have had knowledge of the contents of the Protected Material in the course of fulfilling  
3 his or her responsibilities or has information that directly bears upon the Protected Material.

4 (i) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or  
5 other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

6 (j) any other person or entity with respect to whom the Producing Party may consent  
7 in writing and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A).

8 7.4 Disclosure of “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless  
9 otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may  
10 disclose any information or item designated “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” only to those parties  
11 listed in sections 7.2 – 7.3, but may not disclose such information to PG&E contractors or their advisors.

12 7.5 Filing or Submitting Protected Material To Court. Without written permission from the  
13 Designating Party or a court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may  
14 not file in the public record related to a Case or the Chapter 11 Cases any Protected Material. A Party  
15 that seeks to file any Protected Material with the Court must file under seal in accordance with the  
16 Federal Rules, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and the individual practice rules of the Judge.  
17 Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the  
18 specific Protected Material at issue.

19 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
20 PROCEEDINGS

21 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other proceedings that compels  
22 disclosure of any information or items designated in a Case or these Chapter 11 Cases as  
23 “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY”, or  
24 “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” that Party must:

25 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include  
26 a copy of the subpoena or court order;



1 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in  
2 the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this  
3 Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Order; and

4 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the  
5 Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

6 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or  
7 court order shall not produce any Protected Material before a determination by the Court from which the  
8 subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party's permission. The  
9 Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that Court of its confidential  
10 material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving  
11 Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another Court.

12 9. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

13 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material  
14 to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Order, the Receiving Party must  
15 immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best  
16 efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to  
17 whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or  
18 persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit  
19 A. Disclosure of Protected Material other than in accordance with the terms of this Order may subject  
20 the disclosing person to such sanctions and remedies as the Court may deem appropriate.

21 10. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED DISCOVERY MATERIAL

22 This Order is entered pursuant to Rule 502(d) of the Federal Rules of Evidence. If a Producing  
23 Party produces materials that the Producing Party later discovers to be privileged or subject to other  
24 protection, such as work-product protection, the production of that material shall not be deemed to  
25 constitute the waiver of any applicable privileges or protections. In such circumstances, shortly after  
26 the Producing Party becomes aware that privileged material was produced, it must notify the Receiving  
27 Party and request, at the Producing Party's election, either the return or the destruction of the produced  
28 material. Immediately after receiving such notification, the Receiving Party shall, as instructed, return



1 or destroy and confirm destruction of all such produced material, including all copies, notes, and/or  
2 summaries thereof in any Receiving Party work product. The Receiving Party shall not use the contents  
3 of such material for any purpose, including in connection with any effort seeking to compel production  
4 of the produced material. The Receiving Party must take reasonable steps to retrieve the produced  
5 material if the Receiving Party disclosed it before being notified. Such return or destruction and  
6 confirmation of destruction shall not preclude the Receiving Party from seeking to compel production  
7 of the produced material for reasons other than its production or any information about the contents of  
8 the material that was gained due to its production. Moreover, this Order shall not prevent any Party from  
9 challenging the designation of such material as privileged or protected and moving to compel production  
10 of allegedly privileged or protected documents. If the Receiving Party becomes aware during the review  
11 of any material that is likely to be privileged or subject to other protection, the Receiving Party shall  
12 immediately notify the Producing Party and sequester the material until the Producing Party has had a  
13 reasonable opportunity to respond.

14 11. DEPOSITIONS

15 11.1 Presence Of Persons During Deposition Testimony. Anyone who attends a deposition is  
16 subject to the provisions of this Order with respect to such deposition. When Protected Material is  
17 elicited during a deposition, persons not entitled to receive such information under the terms of this Order  
18 shall, upon request, be excluded from the portion of the deposition so designated.

19 11.2 Responsibilities And Obligations Of Court Reporters. In the event that testimony is  
20 designated as Confidential, Highly Confidential or Professional Eyes Only Material, the court reporter,  
21 who shall first have agreed to abide by the terms of this paragraph, shall be instructed to include on the  
22 cover page of each such transcript the legend, "This transcript portion contains information subject to a  
23 Protective Order and shall be used only in accordance therewith," and each page of the transcript shall  
24 include the legend "CONFIDENTIAL," "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL", "PROFESSIONAL EYES  
25 ONLY" or "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL" as appropriate. If the deposition is recorded, the  
26 recording shall also be subject to the same level of confidentiality as the transcript and include the legend  
27 "CONFIDENTIAL", "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL", "PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY," or  
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1 “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” as appropriate, if any portion of the transcript itself is so  
2 designated.

3 12. PRODUCTION OF CUSTOMER SMART METER DATA

4 12.1 Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission Decision No. 11-07-056 and related  
5 decisions, utility customer smart meter usage data may only be disclosed after providing affected  
6 customers with seven days notice and an opportunity to object to such disclosure as required by the  
7 Decision. Pursuant to Debtor Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s tariff Electric and Gas Rules 9.M and  
8 27, confidential customer information is subject to similar prior notice requirements as applicable to such  
9 customer information. To the extent Debtors produce customer smart meter usage data subject to these  
10 rules and tariffs, Debtors shall provide affected customers with appropriate notice prior to production  
11 and appropriate notification to the affected customers as required by the rules and tariffs. Producing  
12 Party and Receiving Party shall comply with all federal and state privacy laws as applicable to customer  
13 data under this Order.

14 13. MISCELLANEOUS

15 13.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its  
16 modification by the Court in the future, including as this Order applies to any particular contested matter  
17 or adversary proceeding.

18 13.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. Nothing in this Order waives any right by a Party that  
19 it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not  
20 addressed in this Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence  
21 of any of the material covered by this Order.

22 13.3 Continuing Applicability Of Order. The provisions of this Order shall survive the  
23 Debtors’ emergence from Bankruptcy for any retained Discovery Material. The Debtors’ emergence  
24 from Bankruptcy shall not relieve the Parties from their responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of  
25 Discovery Material pursuant to this Order, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of  
26 this Order.

27 13.4 Amendment Of Order. This Order is subject to modification by this Court upon good  
28 cause shown by any Party. Nothing herein shall preclude a Party from applying at any time (including,

1 without limitation, after the conclusion of these Chapter 11 proceedings) to the Court for relief from  
2 (including, without limitation termination of) any or all of the provisions of this Order. The Debtors and  
3 the Party seeking to modify or terminate the Order shall meet and confer in good faith to reach an  
4 agreement on any issues in dispute concerning the meaning, application, or interpretation of this Order  
5 prior to any application to the Court for resolution of such dispute. A Producing Party and a Receiving  
6 Party may agree to modify this Order as it applies to a particular production or a particular proceeding  
7 in the Cases with (7) business days prior notice to the Debtors.

8       13.5 Use Of Discovery Material By Producing Party. Nothing in this Order affects the right  
9 of any Producing Party to use or disclose its own Discovery Material in any way. Such disclosure will  
10 not waive the protections of this Order and will not otherwise entitle other Parties or their attorneys to  
11 use or disclose such Discovery Material in violation of this Order.

12       13.6 Obligations Of Parties. Nothing herein shall relieve a Party of its obligations under the  
13 Federal Rules, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules, or under any future stipulations and orders, regarding the  
14 production of documents or the making of timely responses to Discovery Requests in connection with  
15 any Dispute or the Chapter 11 Cases.

16       13.7 Enforcement. The provisions of this Order constitute an Order of this Court and  
17 violations of the provisions of this Order are subject to enforcement and the imposition of legal sanctions  
18 in the same manner as any other Order of the Court.

19       14. FINAL DISPOSITION

20       Within 60 days after the conclusion the Debtors' emergence from Bankruptcy, unless otherwise  
21 ordered by the Court, each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or  
22 destroy such material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts,  
23 compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material.  
24 Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written  
25 certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by  
26 the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that  
27 was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts,  
28 compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material.

1 Notwithstanding this provision, Outside Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings,  
2 motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition  
3 and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even  
4 if such materials contain Protected Material. A Receiving Party's obligations under this paragraph shall  
5 not require the destruction or return of Confidential, Highly Confidential or Professional Eyes Only  
6 Material by Outside Counsel that is stored on backup storage or in archiving solutions made in  
7 accordance with regular data backup procedures for disaster recovery or litigation hold, provided that  
8 Outside Counsel maintains the confidentiality thereof in accordance with this Order. If a Receiving Party  
9 chooses to take all commercially reasonable steps to destroy, rather than return, documents in accordance  
10 with this paragraph, that Receiving Party shall, if requested by the Producing Party, verify such  
11 destruction in writing to counsel for the Producing Party. Notwithstanding anything in this paragraph, to  
12 the extent that the information in the Discovery Material remains confidential, the terms of this Order  
13 shall remain binding.

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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17 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Dennis Montali  
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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Confidentiality and Protective Order that was issued by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California on [date] in *In re PG&E Corp.*, et al., CASE NO. 3:19-bk-30088 (the “Order”). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of the Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to the Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of the Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Confidentiality and Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of the Order.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_